

A Blueprint for the Future of Migratory Birds

Migratory Bird Program Strategic
Plan 2004-2014

Migratory Bird Program Direction

- A. Mission of the Service for Migratory Birds
- B. Vision of the Migratory Bird Program
- C. Operating Principles
 - 1. Science
 - 2. Partnerships
- D. Program Priorities
- E. Program Goals

Implementation Strategies

- A. Population Monitoring, Assessment, and Management
- B. Habitat Conservation
- C. Permits and Regulations
- D. Consultation, Cooperation, Communication
- E. Recreation

B. Habitat Conservation

- 1. Strategies for Biological Planning
 - a. habitat conservation for birds of management concern—bird plans
 - b. create sustainable landscape designs utilizing geospatial planning tools
- 2. Strategies for Conservation Delivery
 - a. NAWCA, Neotrop. Act, waterfowl stamps
 - b. Support other agencies (USDA-Conservation reserve, NOAA--sanctuaries)

Habitat conservation (cont.)

- 3. Strategies for Technical Assistance
- a. in-service support for endangered species, refuges, habitat programs, field stations
 - b. Coordinate with public and private partners on most effective practices for protection, restoration, and management practices for migratory bird habitats

Habitat Conservation (cont.)

- 4. Strategies for Habitat Assessment
 - a. Work with partners tracking habitat changes across ranges of birds of management concern
 - b. Coordinate population monitoring and develop sustainable landscape designs with partners
 - c. Promote research to assess landscape changes and their impacts on birds of management concern at local, regional, and continental scales.

American Golden Plover

- 60-80% of **world population** stages in spring in IL, IN, SE MI, and NW OH
- Identified as a **priority** species in Upper Mississippi Valley/Great Lakes shorebird plan.
- **Monitor** on migration, winter, summer ranges
- Cooperate with refuges, states, Canada, and South American countries to **assess habitat needs**
- **Provide and manage habitat** through refuges, farm programs, partnerships, easements

- Propelled by an ancient faith deep within their genes, billions of birds hurdle the globe each season...They are not residents of any single place but of the whole, and their continued survival rests almost entirely within our hands

» Scott Weidensaul